(c) whether it is a fact that the aircraft by which the Prime Minister travelled during each of those journeys was kept out of operation for one day prior to the journey of the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) During the months of January and February, 1990 the Prime Minister travelled on 8 flights of Indian Airlines. He did not travel on Vayudoot.

(b) The number of ordinary passengers on such Indian Airlines flights is given below. No seats are required to be kept vacant for security reasons.

Date	Flight No.	Sector	No. of ordinary passengers
28-1-90	IC—469	Delhi-Nagpur	39+2 infants
29-1-90	IC—470	Nagpur-Delhi	44
19-2-90	IC—491	Delhi-Aurangabad	92
20-2-90	IC—630	Nagpur-Bombay	34+2 infants
20-2-90	IC—115	Bombay-Rajkot	40
22-2-90	IC—409	Delhi-Patna	101
24-2-90	IC—467	Delhi-Goa	112+2 infants
25-2-90	IC—450	Pune-Delhi	120+1 infant

(c) No, Sir.

Rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas tragedy victims

743. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far in regard to the relief and rehabilitation of the Bhopal Gas Victims;

(b) what is the Central assistance given in regard thereto; and

(c) what is the up-to-date figure of the Bhopal Gas victimes who succumbed to the ill effects of the gas and those who have been inflicted with life long ailments?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY):

(a) to (c) A statement is attacked.

Statement

(a) Government have recently decided to pay an interim relief of Rs. 200/- per month per person for a period of 3 years, to all the residents of 36 severely affected municipal wards of Bhopal, at the time of the disaster and will be paid to minors and adults at the same rate. The amount of interim relief to be paid will be adjusted against the final compensation to be determined in individual cases. The money is being released to the Banks shortly and payment will start at the earliest. However, as per the earlier Supreme Court directions, interm relief is being provided to the following categories of gas affected victims with effect from 1st May, 1989.

(i) Every family in which there has been adult death. . . . Rs. 750 p.m.

(ii) Every claimant in the total and permanent disablement category. . Rs. 500 p.m.

(iii) Every claimant in the category of temporary, permanent and partial disablement Rs. 3000 lump sum

(iv) Every claimant in the category of permanent injury not amounting to permanent and temporary disablement. . . . . Rs. 1000 lump sum

The Government of Madhya Pradesh have taken a number of steps to provide comprehensive relief and rehabilitation to the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy. These include relief measures like *ex-gratia* payment to the next kin of the dead as well as the affected families, including widows and destitutes, and nutritional support to children and lactating mothers. New medical institutions have been established and existing medical facilities have been strengthened to provide effective medical treatment to the victims. Steps have also been taken to rehabilitate the victims by providing them with training and employment facilities and providing loans/subsidies for self-employment. Steps have also been taken to improve the immediate environment of the affected localities.

(b) The Central Government has so far given Rs. 101·62 crores to the Government of Madhya Pradesh as loan and advances.

(c) Accordingly to the information given by Government of Madhya Pradesh, the total number of Bhopal Gas victims who died is 3677. This figure is not final as deaths continue to take place even now from effects of exposure to toxic gases on the night of the disaster. It is difficult to indicate the number of persons suffering from the life long ailments, as the effect of MIC gas are likely to manifest over a long period of time.

Package deal to the dentists of CGHS

744. SHRI BANDHU MAHTO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the package deal offered to the striking dentists of CGHS in 1987 has not been implemented so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILAY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c) A statement showing the action taken on the Memorandum of Settlement entered into with Joint Action Council of Service Doctors including Dentists of CGHS in 1987 and 1989 is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexune No. 31.]

Utilisation of natural gas for electricity generation and industrial purposes

745. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the natural gas is being burnt instead of being utilised for producing electricity or in industry;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of gas which is being burnt daily in different off-shore and on-shore olifield.